

The Mono Lake Basin is a unique and inspiring landscape that offers visitors breathtaking scenery and abundant recreation opportunities. This brochure should provide you with information needed to explore the area, learn about the unique ecosystems, and experience the land and water in a safe and responsible manner. Additional information, permits, passes and guidebooks are available at the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area Visitor Center or by contacting one of the land management agencies listed below.



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Mono Basin Visitor Center



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State Natural Reserve boardwalk



Photo by Jim Stimson

South Tufa Area formations



Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve
P. O. Box 99
Lee Vining, CA 93541
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Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve—California State Parks manages state-owned lakebed lands below the elevation of 6,417 feet above sea level. The Reserve was established in 1982 to preserve the spectacular tufa formations and other natural features of Mono Lake. California State Parks and the U.S. Forest Service work cooperatively to manage the public lands around Mono Lake.



Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area
P. O. Box 429
Lee Vining, CA 93541
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Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area—Part of the Inyo National Forest, the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area was established by Congress in 1984 to protect the natural, cultural, and scenic resources of the Mono Basin. The first of its kind in the National Forest System, the Scenic Area encompasses 116,000 acres, including South Tufa and Navy Beach recreation sites and the Mono Basin Visitor Center in Lee Vining.



RESTROOMS

ACCESSIBLE FEATURE

MAJOR TUFA AREAS

CAMPGROUNDS

PAVED ROADS

IMPROVED DIRT ROADS

4-WHEEL DRIVE ROADS

PARKING LOTS

NATIONAL FOREST SCENIC AREA

STATE NATURAL RESERVE

SCENIC AREA RECESSIONAL LANDS

PRIVATE OR CITY OF L.A. PROPERTY (within scenic area boundary)

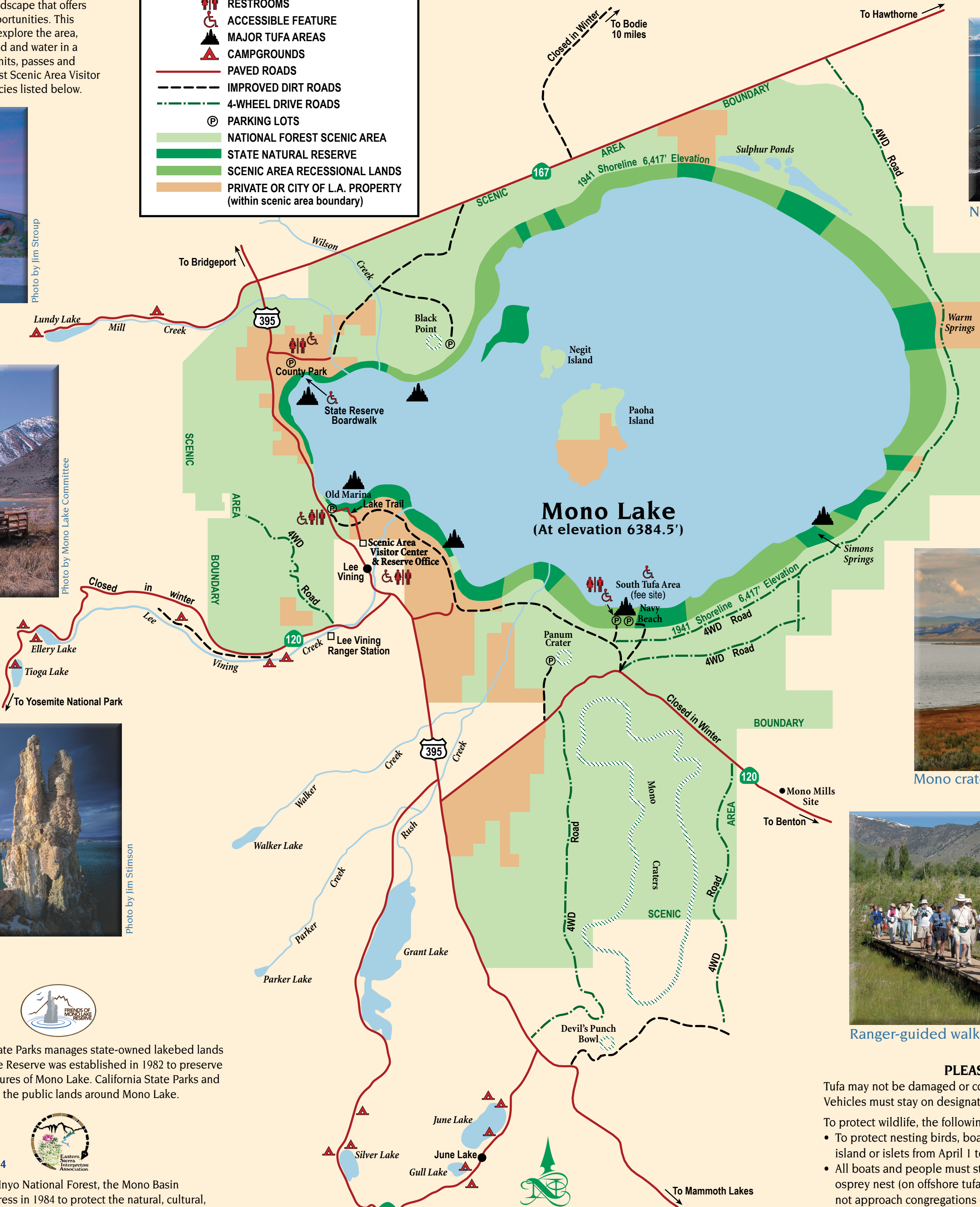


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Negit and Paoha islands

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Friends of Mono Lake Reserve seeks to help visitors understand, appreciate, and emotionally connect with Mono Lake's remarkable natural resources through interpretation and education and to inspire visitors to want to protect this outstanding resource and explore it further on their own. Visit our web site at <http://visitmonolake.org>



Photo by Donn Lusby

Mono craters



Photo by Marie Read

Ranger-guided walk

PLEASE REMEMBER

Tufa may not be damaged or collected anywhere in the Mono Basin. Vehicles must stay on designated roads and parking areas.

To protect wildlife, the following boating regulations must be followed:

- To protect nesting birds, boats may not travel within one mile of any island or islets from April 1 to August 1.
- All boats and people must stay a minimum of 200 yards from any osprey nest (on offshore tufa) from April 1 to September 1. Boats may not approach congregations of birds.
- Boats should avoid the deltas of creeks and streams where birds congregate.
- Overnight travel on Mono Lake requires a permit that can be obtained at the Scenic Area Visitor Center in Lee Vining.